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1. South Vietnam

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2. Korea

Yesterday's incidents south of the Demilitarized Zone resulted in some 29 casualties among UN forces, including US losses of one killed and 14 wounded. The previous day the North Koreans caused 16 casualties in a grenade attack on a South Korean Army checkpoint.

Although these incidents are more grave than most that occur along the zone, official propaganda does not suggest the North Koreans have any territorial objectives in mind. Rather we believe the stepped-up attacks are aimed at discouraging the South Koreans from sending more troops to Vietnam.

3. Arab States

Prospects for success of the summit meeting that opens in Khartoum today are slim. Indeed some of the principals are losing their interest. Algerian President Boumediene will not come and Syrian President Atassi reportedly will also stay home. Most of the other main actors as well as many lesser lights of the Arab world are expected however.

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4. Thailand

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5. Venezuela

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Venezuelan police scored an impressive victory in two operations last Friday against pro-Castro terrorists in Caracas. Two of the three terrorists killed were key men in the highly dangerous urban organization of Douglas Bravo.

Friday's events as well as other recent setbacks will probably force Bravo's men in the capital to pause and lick their wounds for a while, but most of them remain at large.

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6. Panama

Panamanian negotiators and opponents of the draft treaties are both very anxious to avoid any implication in the defense treaty that US military forces could remain in Panama "in perpetuity." The Panamanians are likely to press for a resolution of this problem before agreeing to discuss any other points of difference.

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